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(C) 1,500 PARACHUTISTS REPORTED EIGHTH MAY ARRIVED IN ARRAS REGION AND AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER IN ORNE DEPARTMENT, BILLETED WITH INHABITANTS. REPORTED HIGHLY UNDISCIPLINED.

(2) VICHY. 26 MAY. FACT.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT TOKYO REPORTS THAT LOSS OF 15,000 TON MERCHANT VESSEL SUNK LAST WEEK BY ALLIED ACTION OFF NAGASAKI HAS COME AS A GREAT BLOW TO THE JAPANESE. THE VESSEL CARRIED 2,400 OF JAPAN'S FINEST TECHNICIANS SPECIALLY SELECTED FROM VARIOUS BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY, ENGINEERING AND CIVIL SERVICE WHO WERE BEING SENT SOUTH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES RECENTLY CONQUERED. 2,000 OF THEM PERISHED. HE CONSIDERS THIS LOSS TO JAPAN TO BE IRREPARABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

POLITICAL.

(3) VICHY 23 MAY. FACT.